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# CENTRAL AMERICA-U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION  
Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305)  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Re.: Lowfat Yogurt Standard of Identity change Petition by NYA

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

As an institution established in Miami for over a decade; in representation of US and Central American producers; and considering our experience in the promotion of products manufactured in both regions (with an established record of generating in excess of 50 million US\$ in trade); it is our responsibility to express our opinion and concern regarding this proposed change in Identity for Low fat Yogurt by the National Yogurt Association (NYA).

Central America is host for a number of yogurt producers both with active culture and heat treated for long life. Some of the products made by these dairy processors are already at the reach of US consumers like cheeses, creams and other dairy products.

It is the intention of some of our represented yogurt producers to develop and promote their long life heat treated yogurts in the US in a widespread way, particularly at this time in which a Free Trade Agreement between the US and Central America is in the process of approval; and particularly when the negotiating parties have already reached an agreement in some of the dairy products such as cheeses.

We consider a change in the standard of identity of Yogurt will not be beneficial for new and upcoming products in the US market, therefore we do not agree with the proposed changes submitted by NYA.

Kindly,



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